

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) under Smith et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,574,487 (hereinafter “Smith”). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in view of Weisshappel et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,857, 148 (hereinafter “Weisshappel”). Claim 1 has been amended hereby. Reconsideration of the present application in light of the above amendments and below remarks is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under § 102(b) over Smith. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Amended claim 1 explicitly requires that the screens be arranged “in an opposed manner over the first and the second sides of said liquid crystal display plate”. Applicant respectfully submits that this feature of the present invention is neither taught nor suggested by Smith.

Smith teaches a housing 14 for holding dual-sided liquid crystal display 12. The housing 14 has a first side 16 with a first viewport 18 and a second side 20 with a second viewport 22. (See Smith, Column 2 lines 39-42). Referring to Figure 5, Smith explains that the panel 50 has a first side 60 for viewing a top portion 62 of the display 12 from the first viewport 18 and a second side 64 for viewing a bottom portion 66 of display 12 from the second viewport 22. (See Smith, Column 3 lines 7-11). Therefore, although Smith teaches a dual-sided liquid crystal display 12, in Smith, the top portion 62 of the display 12 is not arranged in an opposed manner with respect to the bottom portion 66 of the display 12, as explicitly required by amended claim 1 of Applicant’s invention.

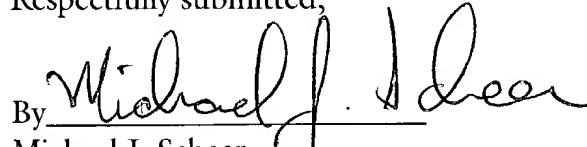
Claims 3-5 are dependent on and include all of the limitations of amended base claim 1. Therefore, all of the above arguments regarding amended claim 1 apply equally to dependent claims 3-5. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 1 and 3-5 is therefore respectfully requested.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in view of Weisshappel. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 2 is dependent on and includes all of the limitations of amended base claim 1. Weisshappel was included in the rejection of claim 2 for the battery limitation of this claim. Applicant respectfully submits that the addition of Weisshappel does not cure the above-mentioned deficiencies of Smith, namely, Weisshappel does not show screens arranged in an opposed manner. For at least this reason, Weisshappel cannot be combined with Smith to reject claim 2. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 2 is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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